

# OVERSUPPLY IN PACIFIC CODFISH.

Expected Fares Will  
Over stock the Demand  
and New Markets Are  
Sought.

Surplus May be Distrib-  
uted Among Eastern  
Cities.

It is an open secret that an over-  
production of Pacific codfish is expect-  
ed this season and that a market is  
being sought here as an outlet for a  
part of the big stock which the western  
codfish concerns expect to have on  
hand soon.

In speaking editorially on the growth  
of the fisheries out there, the Seattle  
Post-Intelligencer says that one of  
the Anacortes codfish fleet was home  
with a record trip, both as to number  
of fish and shortness of time gone and  
that the average weight of the 204,000  
fish in the trip would be six and three  
quarters pounds each. The article also  
says that the business on that coast  
was still in its infancy, also that  
Anacortes has the largest fleet of any  
port on the Sound, although Seattle  
was developing quite a fleet and Ta-  
coma had a number of vessels in the  
business. The tenor of the whole  
article was to the effect that the Pa-  
cific cod fishery was capable of great  
expansion and would before long be  
made to rival closely the codfisheries  
of the Atlantic coast.

Regarding this article, an official of  
one of the leading codfish concerns on  
the Pacific coast has written a very  
interesting letter to a friend here in  
which he says:

"I enclose clipping from yesterday's  
paper for your entertainment. I should  
be pleased to have you show this to  
the Times people and be sure and say,  
to them for me that while I am very  
loyal to the West, this carries the  
Northwestern spirit far and away be-  
yond my approval.

"The cargo referred to has been con-  
tracted for in advance by the Union  
Fish Company. As to the weights I

cannot understand how any one can  
look through the sides of the ship at  
a cargo just arrived and so accurately  
judge the average weight of the fish.  
As a matter of fact this is a fairly  
good cargo of Behring Sea codfish and  
a fairly good cargo weighs out just  
about two tons to a thousand fish, i. e.,  
about four pounds each and that is  
what this cargo is going to weigh out.

"As to the infancy of the business,  
the first commercial cod fishing venture  
into the Behring Sea was in 1882 and  
the sea has been thoroughly prospected  
and continuously fished ever since.

"As there were but seven vessels  
fishing in the sea this year there was  
plenty of elbow room and still the  
vessels have caught all this coast can  
sell at a profit. If they fished the  
Behring Sea as you Gloucester people  
fish the Virgin Rocks, the whole stock  
of fish in the former waters would be  
caught up as a cat laps up a saucer  
of milk.

"The Anacortes fleet referred to  
consists of three vessels and of these  
two go to San Francisco. We cut out  
one of our vessels from there because  
when their vessels and ours all went, we  
overstocked the market and carried a  
lot of fish over into the new season.  
The number of vessels from Tacoma  
is one. The Fortuna is the only cod-  
fishing vessel from Tacoma and she  
makes but one trip a year just as do  
all the others from here, the distance  
of 2200 miles being too great to permit  
of more than one trip during the time  
the weather will allow the men to  
fish in Alaskan waters.

"It is not from lack of energy that  
our company does not send out more  
cod fishing vessels; it is just from that  
calculating spirit which inspires us  
to catch all we think we can sell at  
a profit and no more."

# FISH IN VARIETY AT T WHARF.

MANY TRIPS ARRIVE BUT FEW  
ARE OF ANY CONSIDERABLE  
SIZE.

The market at T wharf opened this  
morning with seven fares of fresh  
mackerel, two small catches of sword-  
fish and a dozen trips of ground fish  
to work on.

Although haddock were not in large  
receipt, the price showed little or no  
advance and the price on fresh mack-  
erel was so low that some of the skip-  
pers will probably salt their next  
catches if what was paid this morn-  
ing for fresh ones is any indication of  
what the dealers intend to pay in the  
future.

Large cod brought good prices and  
pollock were in the high price spot  
light also, but hake and cusk were  
down, a few of the former, large, how-  
ever bringing \$2.

The mackerel catches range from  
8000 to 14,000 fish to a vessel, sch. Ve-  
da M. McKown having the latter  
amount.

On the ground fish fares in the only  
one noticeable for its size is that of  
sch. Matthew S. Greer, skipper the  
same name, with 70,000 pounds of had-  
dock and 30,000 pounds of cod. Capt.  
Greer reported getting his fare on  
Georges. He and his crew are in for a  
fine settlement. The steam trawler  
Spray is the only one of her kind in  
this morning and she has an ordinary  
catch of 43,000 pounds, evidently not  
hitting any big fishing.

In the two swordfish trips in are  
only 25 fish. Cod is in better receipt  
than for some time and there is also  
quite a lot of cusk in. The pollock-  
ers along shore are beginning to find  
good signs of fish and sch. Valentina,  
out only a day has 16,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$1.50 to \$2 and  
large cod at \$4 to \$4.50. Hake went  
at \$1 and \$2 and pollock were all the  
way from \$2.25 to \$3.50. Swordfish  
brought 12 and 12½ cents per pound  
and the fresh mackerel sold at 6¢  
to 7 1-4 cents each.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Albert W. Black, 14 swordfish.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 11 swordfish.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000  
cod, 25,000 hake, 38,000 cusk, 4000 pol-  
lock.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 70,000 had-  
dock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 had-  
dock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Adeline, 30,000 haddock, 19,000  
cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 25,000  
haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 20,000 cod, 15,000  
hake, 25,000 cusk.

Sch. Valentina, 1500 haddock, 300  
cod, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Spray, 42,000 haddock, 1200  
cod.

Sch. Mettacomet, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 7500 haddock,  
1600 cod.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 14,000 fresh  
mackerel.

Sch. Clintonia, 10,000 fresh macker-  
el.

Sch. Emerald, 9000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, 9000 fresh mack-  
erel, 14 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 9000 fresh  
mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 8000 fresh mack-  
erel.

Sch. Monarch, 8000 fresh mackerel,  
6 bbls. salt mackerel.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large  
cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50 to  
\$3.50; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.50 to  
\$1.75; pollock, \$2.25 to \$3.50; fresh  
mackerel, 6 3-4 to 7 1-4 cts. each;  
swordfish, 12 to 12 1-2 cts. per lb.

# LARGE RECEIPTS AT THIS PORT.

MORE FISH THAN IN A SINGLE  
DAY FOR SEVERAL  
WEEKS.

Fish receipts at this port this morn-  
ing are the largest for some time,  
four of the shack fleet being home,  
four crafts down from Boston with  
goodly amounts for the splitters, two  
of the Georges halibut fleet bringing  
moderate sized fares, and six mack-  
erel catchers coming in, some of them  
with good hauls made right at the  
mouth of the harbor. Yesterday af-  
ternoon the shore gasoliers landed a  
lot of bluebacks, the supply being so  
great that the freezer and fresh bait  
demand could not take them all and  
some had to go for oil and fertilizer.

From Quero bank the new sch. La-  
verna, Capt. Albert Larkin, brings her  
maiden fare, a trip of 150,000 pounds  
of salt cod, just about the best shack  
trip of the season thus far and good  
for in the neighborhood of \$6000 at  
the prevailing prices, which is certain-  
ly a dandy start for any new craft.

Another fine trip is that of sch.  
Cynthia, Capt. Jeffery Thomas, this  
craft hailing for 130,000 pounds of  
salt cod from Quero.

Sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher  
Gibbs, brings another fine trip, 120,000  
pounds of fresh fish, 8000 pounds of  
salt fish and 6000 pounds of halibut.  
Capt. Gibbs did lots of fishing, but  
found codfish very scarce. However,  
he did not let this bother him and  
caught what came to the hooks, and  
therefore has a fine paying voyage  
with a nice bunch of halibut to put  
the cream on it.

Sch. Valerie, Capt. George Nelson,  
brings a good fare, 60,000 pounds of  
salt fish and the same amount of  
fresh fish. The salt fish are must all  
cod but the fresh are mixed, haddock,  
cusk, cod, etc. Capt. Nelson, like  
Capt. Gibbs, found codfish scarce.

Down from Boston with splitting  
fish of all kinds are schs. Belbina  
P. Domingoes with 100,000 pounds,  
sch. Jorgina, 70,000; sch. Adeline, 40,  
000; sch. Manomet, 40,000 pounds, all  
of which will be very acceptable to  
the firms to which they haul in.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream from Georges  
halibuting, has 5000 pounds of halibut  
and sch. Elk has 11,000 pounds. Both  
skippers report halibut scarce. Each  
craft has some fresh and salt fish in  
addition to her halibut.

Six of the mackerel seining fleet  
are in with fresh or salted catches  
and the detailed story of their fares,  
etc., will be found in the mackerel  
story. The fresh fish were taken right  
off the harbor and skippers are look-  
ing forward to some more hauls be-  
fore the fish leaves. Sch. Patrician  
with 12,000 and steamer Bessie M. Du-  
gan, which only went out Sunday and  
was in last evening, has 10,000 fish in  
count. The other seiners in are schs.  
Georgia, Priscilla Smith and George  
Parker and steamer Walter Adams of  
the porgy boat fleet, which also struck  
a mackerel school off here.

This noon sch. Tacoma arrived from  
the northern fishing grounds off Cape  
Mugford, Labrador, being the first  
craft of the fished halibut fleet to  
arrive home this season. Her fare has  
not yet been hauled.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, of the Georges  
halibut fleet, also arrived this noon.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail  
are:

Sch. George Parker, seining, 8 bbls.  
salt mackerel.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, seining, 28 bbls.  
salt mackerel.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore  
seining, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Walter Adams, shore seining,  
5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Georgia, shore seining, 2000  
fresh mackerel, 13 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, shore, seining, 12,000  
fresh mackerel.

Sch. Laverna Quero Bank, 150,000  
lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Cynthia, Quero Bank, shacking,  
130,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Harmony, Cape Shore shacking,  
120,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt  
fish, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Valerie, eastern shacking, 60,  
000 lbs. salt cod, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Bos-  
ton, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jorgina, via Boston, 70,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 40,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Manomet, via Boston, 40,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Elk, Georges, halibuting, 11,000  
lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000  
lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream Georges, hal-  
ibuting, 5000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. salt  
cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Reliance, shore, 70 bbls. blue-  
backs.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 60 bbls.  
bluebacks.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore,  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Gracie, shore.  
Sch. Tacoma, fished halibuting.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, Georges hal-  
ibuting.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Volant, salt drifting.  
Sch. Marjie Turner, halibuting.

Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.  
Sch. Terra Nova, shacking.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, shacking.  
Sch. Victor, seining.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.  
Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. James A. Garfield, Newfound-  
land Treaty coast trip.

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## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large  
and \$17.50 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per  
cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and  
\$2.75 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5,  
medium, \$4.45, snappers, \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.87 1-2  
medium, \$4.45.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.75  
per cwt. for large and \$4.25 for me-  
diums.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75,  
medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.75.  
Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2;  
snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.  
Eastern shack cod, \$4.30 for large  
and \$3.80 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring  
25c over the above price.  
Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl. W.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.,  
Large cod, \$2.55 per cwt.; medium,  
\$2 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh cod-  
fish, \$2.40 per cwt. for large and \$2.00  
for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.  
Snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Hake, \$1.00.  
Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80  
cts.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per lb. for  
white and 8 cents for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60  
per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl. W.

Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.

Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per  
bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.

Fresh small mackerel, 6 1-2 cts.  
each.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

### Coastwise Fleet.

Sch. F. A. Smith, Boston, to load  
salt.

Steamer W. M. Roders, Boston.

### Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There was a scarcity of nearly all  
varieties of fish in the salt-water mar-  
ket last week, with the exception of  
bluefish. During the first half of the  
week all varieties of ground fish were  
short. Halibut, western white, was  
down in price early in the week, but  
toward the close it advanced to 12  
cents per pound.

Twenty-nine smacks reached the  
market between Monday and Friday  
noon. Twenty-six of them had a to-  
tal of 71,900 bluefish, which at an av-  
erage weight of three pounds, meant  
215,700 pounds. There were three loads  
of sea bass and porgies, the combined  
catch being 600 bushels, or 48,000  
pounds.

Haddock was quoted at 3 cents to 4  
cents; hake, 4 cents to 5 cents, and  
pollock, 4 1-2 cents to 6 cents; cod,  
market, 3 cents to 7 cents; and  
steak, 7 cents to 11 cents.

### Fresh and Salt Fish Sales.

Fresh and salt fish trip sales this  
morning were as follows: Schs. Elk,  
Adeline, Belbina P. Domingoes, Wal-  
do L. Stream and Harmony to the Gor-  
ton-Pew Fisheries Company; schs. Va-  
lerie and Manomet to the Cunningham  
& Thompson Company; sch. Margaret  
Dillon to Davis Bros.; sch. Cynthia to  
Sylvanus Smith & Co., incorporated.  
Sch. Laverna was in the stream at  
noon.



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# HAULS TAKEN OFF EASTERN POINT.

## Twenty Mackerel Schools Reported Showing at One Time.

### Sch. Victor Will Again Fit Out For Seining.

More catches of mackerel in Boston bay were made yesterday by the seiners, some of the best hauls being made late yesterday afternoon only five miles southeast of Eastern Point. In this latter locality the mackerel were in clear schools not mixed with bluebacks and Capt. Charles O'Brien, port boarding officer, who was outside in the Dreamer yesterday afternoon when the crafts were making hauls, says he could count 20 schools showing at one time. Capt. O'Brien came in and reported the location of the fish to all those interested.

Since last report six seiners have arrived at this port with mackerel, two having salt fares and the other four bringing fresh ones, while at T wharf this morning are five seiners with fares of fresh mackerel, two of these also having salted fish.

The arrivals are as follows:

#### Seiners at This Port.

Sch. George Parker, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, 28 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 10,000 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Patrician, 12,000 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Georgia, 2000 fresh mackerel, 13 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Porgy steamer Walter Adams, 5000 fresh mackerel.

#### Seiners at Boston.

Sch. Dauntless, 8000 fresh mackerel, 33 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 7000 fresh mackerel, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 200 fresh mackerel.  
Steamer Gleaner, 3000 fresh mackerel.  
The fresh mackerel at Boston this morning sold at seven cents each.

#### Seining Fleet May Now Try the Maine Coast.

Schs. Patrician and Georgia, and steamers Bessie M. Dugan and Walter Adams got their hauls off here yesterday afternoon, five miles southeast of Eastern Point. A little sloop which was out there also made a haul.  
Some of the skippers think the fish are moving east and others are anxious to get a whack at the big fish now reported schooling again on the

Maine coast, so it is probable that some of the crafts will head down that way.

Sch. Monarch, which got a fine haul down there a few weeks ago, when the fish first came on, will take another cruise now in that direction.

Capt. Wallace Parsons, whose sch. Saladin is now having a freezing plant put in and being made ready for a Newfoundland herring trip, is thinking of taking temporary command of sch. Senator and going out after mackerel. Sch. Victor Refitted for Seining Trip.

Encouraged by the present mackerel outlook, Capt. John W. McFarland has fitted out sch. Victor again and will sail seining today.

Capt. McFarland believes that the bonitas have left the Maine coast and that the big fish are now showing again down that way and that some good hauls will be made. The captain was out Saturday off here in the little sch. Grace and observed that the schools of clear mackerel seen were moving to the eastward. Monday, only bluebacks were to be found up off the lightship, while down off Eastern Point were schools of clear mackerel and the mackerel were also schooling off Salvages on Sunday.

He believes that anywhere from the Isle of Shoals along to Boon island and from there to the Maine coast will be good fishing ground in a day or so if the weather does not break up.

In speaking of the Boon island ground as a mackerel spot the captain says he has been told at Portsmouth that from an accurate record kept for 50 years on the island, at the light-house, never in all those years did mackerel fail to school in that vicinity on either September 20, 21 or 22.

#### Reports from the Maine Coast.

Reports from down east are to the effect that the boats there are again netting the large mackerel and that several hauls have been made off White island. Some 80 barrels are due at Boston today on the Rockland steamer and 40 barrels are also reported there due from Southwest Harbor. On Sunday the little steamer Elthier landed 50 barrels of large fresh mackerel at Portland.

A letter from Port Clyde, Me., to the Boston Fish Bureau states that the large mackerel are again showing and that Capt. Cushman had landed two or three schools and had a large school in his seine, which burst and he lost the most of them.

#### Fresh Mackerel Sales.

The fares of fresh mackerel of sch. Georgia and steamers Bessie M. Dugan and Walter Adams sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company and that of sch. Patrician to Lufkin & Tarr the fish bringing 6½ cents each.

The fresh mackerel landed at Boston this morning sold at 7 cents each.

#### Irish Mackerel Shipments.

The Irish mackerel reports show that the only shipment to Boston in the past week was the 500 barrels which the steamer Bohemian, due today, has aboard. About 200 barrels came by steamers to other American ports, bringing the total shipments to date up to 50,767 for the autumn-caught fish.

#### Salt Mackerel Imports.

With large supplies of foreign salt mackerel coming into this country, the prices for good fat fish continue to rise, says the Fishing Gazette. Norway 2s count 220 to 260 to the barrel, are \$1 higher than a week ago, being closely held at \$21 a barrel. Irish salt mackerel, smaller fish, is higher also, being quoted at \$12 and \$13 per barrel. On two days this week the salt mackerel imports at New York amounted to 2170 barrels. They went into cold storage.

Seapacked mackerel landed in Norway from the North sea salted for export to America: Week ending August 19, 1911, 4816 bbls; total, 8735 bbls. 1910, 10,758 bbls; total, 16,441 bbls.

Liverpool, Eng., report, Sept. 2: Shipments—To Boston, 500 bbls.; all other ports, 200 bbls. Count 350 to 400 to the barrel. The imports of salt mackerel at Boston are 2874 bbls. against 8168 bbls. in 1910, and 7163 bbls. in 1909.

Prices of foreign salt mackerel are firmer, owing to the falling off of the catch in Norway and Ireland, and the continued light catch on the shore and in Canada. Arrivals at Boston this week comprise 473 bbls. from Norway and 110 from Canada. The demand for salt mackerel is not so good as it should be at this season of the year.

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## GOOD SUPPLY OF FISH AT BOSTON

VARIETY INCLUDES MACKEREL, SWORDFISH, BLUEBACKS AND GROUND FISH.

T wharf is fairly well supplied with fish this morning, there being 13 vessels in with ground fish, one with swordfish and four with fresh mackerel, while there is also a plentiful supply of bluebacks at the dock.

Seven of the groundfish fleet bring fair catches of haddock, but have not much codfish and only a few hake. Two crafts, however, have fine fares, sch. Mary DeCosta, hailing from Georges bank, brings 65,000 pounds of haddock and 25,000 pounds of cod, while sch. Flora S. Nickerson from the eastward, has 68,000 pounds of cod and 20,000 pounds of cusk. Part of this trip will probably go to the splitters, but enough will be got out to market to make up a fine stock for the craft. The DeCosta will also fare well financially. There is quite a few pollock in and the price holds good, indeed, except the price on fresh mackerel, all the fish in sight today are selling at good figures.

Sch. George H. Lubee had 32 swordfish and got 12 1-2 cents per pound for them. Three fair-sized trips and one small trip of fresh mackerel are in and sch. Veda M. McKown, which held over from yesterday, also sold this morning, all at seven cents per fish. The catches ranged from 3000 to 8000 fish, while sch. Charles A. Dyer, with a big load of bluebacks, culled 200 mackerel out of the lot.

Haddock sold at \$2 and large cod were up to \$6, with markets bringing \$4. Pollock went at \$3 and \$3.10 and hake brought \$1.50 to \$2.50.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 21,000 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 44,000 haddock, 2000 cod 2000 pollock.

Sch. Washakie, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 65,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 38,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Metamora, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 45,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 1500 haddock, 1600 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Marian, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 68,000 cod, 2000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Lilian, 9500 pollock.

Sch. Gleaner, 3000 fresh mackerel, 40 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. George H. Lubee, 32 swordfish.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 7000 fresh mackerel, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Dauntless, 8000 fresh mackerel, 33 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 200 fresh mackerel, 125 bbls. bluebacks.

Haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$4; pollock, \$3 to \$3.10; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; fresh mackerel, 7 cts. each; swordfish, 12 1-2 cts. per lb.

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## CANADIAN FISH CORPORATION.

PLANS BEING COMPLETED BY BOSTON AND NEW YORK CAPITALISTS.

Plans are being completed in the formation of a new corporation which will engage in the North Atlantic fisheries and possibly on the North Pacific coasts, according to the New York Journal of Commerce. Strong financial interests, that paper says, centered in New York and Boston are supporting the formation, which only awaits the signing of the reciprocity agreement with Canada before the final steps are taken. The ground has been thoroughly gone over by a competent expert and the plans of the new company have been most carefully arranged. The corporation will operate a fleet of the most up-to-date steam trawlers between Yarmouth and Digby, N. S.

It has been shown that fish can be landed at an average cost of not more than 80 or 90 cents per hundred pounds. Today local finnan haddie curing concerns pay in the winter season from \$2 to \$3 per hundred for their green fish caught by ordinary vessels and boat fishermen. The new corporation will be registered under Canadian law, with probable headquarters at St. John's, N. B.

The new corporation, it is understood, has nothing to do with the Bay State Fishing Company, or the Atlantic Fisheries Company.

## MADE QUICK TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND

SCH. ARROW MADE REMARKABLE PASSAGE FOR AN OLD CRAFT.

In just five days from the time she left here, the sch. Arrow arrived at Newfoundland. News of her arrival was received here by telegraph this morning by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, who will use the craft in connection with their Newfoundland branch plants.

As sch. Arrow is but 30 tons gross and was built in 1864 a record of five days from this port to Newfoundland, is certainly some sailing, and the craft will now take her place in the class with sch. Parthia, also an old timer, but whose flying passage to Newfoundland a few winters ago is still the despair of many of the flyers in trying to equal.

Sch. Arrow has been considerably rebuilt and is now in good condition and stoutly rigged. The five days record to her credit shows that the models in those days when she was new were not so bad after all.

The craft is in command of Capt. Diggins of this port.

#### FROM THE DORY HANDLINERS.

More Encouraging News Received From the Fleet.

Recent word from some of the dory handline codfishing fleet is somewhat encouraging. Sch. Fannie E. Prescott was at Bay Bulls, N. F., August 26, for water. Capt. Forbes writes that he has 180,000 pounds of salt cod and was finding fair fishing on Grand Bank and was in hopes of wetting his salt before coming home.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, another of the dory handliners which has been fishing on Grand Bank, was at North Sydney, C. B., yesterday for water, etc., hailing for 100,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Wharton said he should return immediately to the fishing ground.

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#### Lunenburg Bankers.

Last Tuesday there were 14 Lunenburg bankers in St. John's, N. F., all of which expected to leave for the Banks that day, having received their full complement of bait and supplies. The latest arrival was the Wataga, hailing for 1500 quintals. The total catch to date for those in port was 18,620 qtls.



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Portland Fish Notes.

It has been feared that the mackerel fishery was about done for this season, but such is evidently not the case, the little steamer, which being at Portland Sunday with 50 barrels of large fish, which she caught off Damaris Cove, and on which she will stock about \$1200. The bad weather of the past week has interfered with the movement of the craft searching for mackerel, keeping them in port, but it is hoped that with settled weather some good catches may be made this week.

Big Sharks Captured.

The trap fishermen at Sandwich caught two great blueback sharks in their traps Saturday, the largest of the kind that have ever been seen in those waters. The sharks were towed into the harbor, where they were viewed by the hundreds of residents and summer folk. The sharks likely were in pursuit of the schools of mackerel that have been in the bay off here. They did much damage to the traps.

Got 40,000 Pounds Cod on First Baiting

Sch. James W. Parker, which was at a Nova Scotia port a few days ago, had 40,000 pounds of salt cod, the result of her first baiting.

Squid at Labrador.

Advices here of recent date show that squid has struck in in good shape on the Labrador coast and vessels there codfishing are doing well.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray.

The fares of sch. Harmony and Elk sold to the American Halibut Company at the same figures.

Shacking Stocks.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, stocked \$5540 as the result of her fresh and salt shacking trip to the eastward the crew sharing \$123.65 clear.

Sch. Vanessa, Capt. William Firth, stocked \$3000 on her fresh and salt shacking trip, the crew sharing \$62 clear.

Aged Captain Dead.

Capt. Courtland Clark, the last of the famous Jordan Cove fleet of fishing captains, is dead at Waterford, Conn., aged 90 years. He never smoked tobacco or drank alcoholic liquors. He wore his hair in long curls and had rings in his ears, and was rated enormously wealthy.

Buoys Extinguished.

Gas buoys Nos. 2 and 5, in Broad Sound, Boston harbor, are extinguished. No. 2 marks the 14-foot lump and No. 5 is at Devil's Back. The lighthouse board has been notified, and will take steps to relight the buoys immediately.

Shacker Seen.

Capt. George Hodson of sch. Benjamin A. Smith reports sighting a shacker which he took to be sch. Lucania on the Middle Ground, a few days ago.

Squid at Burgeo, N. F.

Reports from Burgeo, N. F., recently are to the effect that there is squid there but the fish do not seem to jig well.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James W. Parker was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.

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# SCH. TACOMA HAD PERILOUS TRIP.

## Ice Balked Efforts to Secure Early Supply of Bait.

### Also Bothered Crew While Fishing at Davis Strait.

After bucking ice fields and dodging icebergs in the far northern latitudes of Davis strait, in an attempt to secure a trip of flitched halibut sch. Tacoma, Capt. Joseph Bonia, arrived home here yesterday, with only a small catch to show for all the danger through which captain and crew had gone and all the hard work they had done in their efforts to catch a trip of fish.

Generally speaking, the Tacoma has been "up against it" from the very start of the voyage, and when Capt. Bonia, who knows the northern fishing waters as he knows Bay of Islands, says that never before did he encounter such adverse conditions and had a chance for only eight sets in all the time the craft has been gone, it can be imagined what the conditions were up "on the Labrador" this past season. Never before, says Capt. Bonia, has he seen so much field ice, or seen it hang on so long on the fishing ground.

#### Vessel Driven Ashore in Straits of Canso and Floated.

The vessel left here May 12 and early in the voyage was driven ashore in the straits of Canso. This obliged hauling out to Port Hawkesbury, C. B., for repairs and by the time these were completed the chances of securing a big baiting at Anticosti and any fishing in that vicinity were gone by. There was nothing to do then but start for Davis strait. The craft was balking for a long time by ice, in getting through the Straits of Belle Isle.

When she did get a chance to go through, a few barrels of herring for bait were secured and arriving on the fishing grounds there was so much ice as to make fishing a useless and almost impossible proposition. The Arctic current was bringing down vast fields of ice, which seemed boundless, and they were sweeping right over the fishing ground. To anchor on the ground meant loss of cable and to attempt to fish meant loss of gear and perhaps lives.

#### Late in Summer Before Fishing Commenced.

It was July before the craft got through the Straits of Belle Isle and

later when she got fishing. Even at the best of it, chances had to be taken in order to get a set. The icebergs were not so much bother, for Capt. Bonia says they were unusually scarce, but the field ice was heavy and hung on late.

He spoke sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Fred Upshall, and together they tried on the very spot where, in latitude 56.42, the latter found such unusually big fishing last season, but this year there was not a fish to be had on the spot. They were sure they were on the right ground, for on one set Capt. Bonia's men hauled up some of the trawl gear which Capt. Upshall's crew had lost while fishing there last season.

#### Saw Gigantic Iceberg Aground in 125 Fathoms of Water.

On this spot, in 125 fathoms of water they saw what Capt. Bonia calls an unusual sight—a gigantic iceberg aground in 125 fathoms of water. It was there when Capt. Upshall came on the ground and was still grounded when the Tacoma started for home.

After trying that spot, Capt. Bonia drove the Tacoma northward and up off Cape Mugford, 90 miles from land, and in latitude 57.40 found a few fish, but the ice fields continued to bother and there was lots of bad weather. Conditions were so bad that in all he got but eight sets and was unable to do anything after August 15. On this piece of ground also Capt. Bonia found a big berg grounded. It was larger than the other berg seen resting on bottom on the other spot, and this one was hung up in fully 160 fathoms of water.

#### Sch. Maxine Elliott Had 40,000 Weight of Flitches.

The Tacoma parted company with the Maxine Elliott on August 15 and at that time the latter had between 40,000 and 50,000 pounds of flitched halibut.

It was while fishing off Cape Mugford that Garrett O'Reilly and Dave Higgins, two of her crew, got astray and succeeded in reaching land in safety, as previously reported at length in the Times. When the craft arrived here the men were here to greet her, having arrived a day or so ahead of her and the half mast flag was soon hauled down.

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#### Stray Fisherman Picked Up.

On board sch. Fannie Belle Atwood when she arrived at T wharf yesterday was Levi Muse, one of the crew of the T wharf schooner Mary E. Silveira, who got lost in the fog, drifted about 24 hours and was finally picked up by the Atwood Monday morning, 80 miles southeast of the Highlands.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

The steamer Carrie and Mildred arrived at Portland Monday with 75 barrels of bluebacks, the first catch of any size reported for some days. Another fishing arrival reported was the little sch. Dixie, which came in with 100 large mackerel.

#### Inspected Nicholson Plant.

Capt. John Chisholm and Capt. Jerome McDonald have returned from a short respite from business trip, during which they visited Bucksport, Me., where they called upon Capt. T. M. Nicholson and inspected that gentleman's extensive fishing plant.

#### Change of Skippers.

Sch. Romance, which has been commanded this summer in the shack fishery by Capt. Antone Goularte, whose new craft was launched yesterday, will continue haddocking under another skipper.

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#### Fresh Fish Sale.

The fare of fresh fish of sch. Effie M. Prior sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Co.

#### Georges Halibut Stock.

Sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, stocked \$1600 as the result of her recent short Georges halibuting trip.

#### Abandons Swordfishing.

Sch. George H. Lubee has hauled out of swordfishing and Capt. Maurice Lubee will fit her for market fishing.

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#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Margaret Dillon sold to Lufkin & Tarr at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

#### Sch. Grampus in Port.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus is in port.

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# SEVENTEEN CRAFT AT T WHARF.

## HADDOCK IN SMALL RECEIPT AND MAKE SHARP ADVANCE IN PRICE.

Although there are seventeen fishing arrivals at T wharf this morning, the aggregate of fish is small. Of the whole lot, only six bring haddock and consequently this fish has taken a decided advance, selling freely this morning at \$2 and \$3 per hundred weight.

Cod, in comparison with recent dates, is in fair receipt and the price holds up well, sales being recorded at \$5.25 and \$6 for large and \$3 and \$3.50 for mediums. There is more hake in than is wanted and what was taken out for market brought \$1.50, while a few cusk sold at \$2.

Pollock is looking up. Some of the larger vessels are finding fair fishing on eastern Jefferies and the shore boats too are beginning to pick up paying catches. Seven of the pollock fleet are among the morning arrivals with fares of from 4500 to 16,000 pounds and they sold at \$2.25 and \$2.50.

There is only one small lot of mackerel, 130 fish in count, which steamer Quoddy had culled out from the 30 barrels of bluebacks she brought in, the latter going for bait.

Schs. Sadie M. Nunan, Gladys and Nellie and Ellen C. Burke have loads of hake and cusk and the latter also has 15,000 pounds of salt fish and all three are expected to take part of their trips to the splitters.

The steam trawler Ripple is among the morning arrivals with a catch aggregating 58,000 pounds, about all haddock.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and receipts in detail are: Steamer Quoddy, 130 fresh mackerel, 30 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Valentina, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 cod, 60,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Flaviola, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 10,000 cod, 50,000 hake, 15,000 salt fish.

Sch. Jeanette, 40,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Hortense, 40,000 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 58,000 hake, 34,000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Hope, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Pearl, 4500 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 4000 pollock.

Steamer Ripple, 55,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 26,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

#### Vessels Spoken.

Capt. John McKay of sch. Preceptor reports speaking sch. Cavalier on Green bank a few days ago. The craft had come there from some other fishing ground and had taken no fish previous to coming there.

Capt. Albert Larkin of sch. Laverna reports speaking schs. Lucinda L. Lowell and Smuggler on Quere bank recently and also saw sch. Lottie G. Merchant, off Halifax, a few days ago.

Capt. Lawson of sch. Margaret Dillon reports speaking sch. Corona on LaHave bank recently.

#### Bait at Provincetown Scarce.

Word from Provincetown yesterday was to the effect that four of the Portuguese schooners are waiting in port there, held up by the weather and a scarcity of bait. One of the traps gave up 25 barrels of squid Monday, but this did little towards supplying the bait market.

#### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Topsall Girl was at Portland yesterday with 10,000 pounds of halibut. Sch. Hattie L. Trask, one of the Georges handliners of this port, was also there with some halibut, the amount not being reported.

#### Halibut Fare Unsold.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Preceptor was unsold at noon. An offer for the trip had been made of 7 cents for white, 5 cents for small gray and 4 cents for large gray. Last sales were at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.